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In re Patent Application of	Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Bertrand PAIN et al.	Group Art Unit: 1633
Application No.: 10/625,847	Examiner: S. Kaushal
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For: AVIAN CELL LINES USEFUL FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUBSTANCES OF INTEREST)))

DECLARATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.132 of DR. MAJID MEHTALI

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

- 1. I, Majid Mehtali, declare the following:
- 2. I am a citizen of France, and have the following mailing address: Le Mortier 44, Couéron, France;
- 3. I graduated from University Louis Pasteur with a Ph.D. degree in Biotechnological Engineering;
- 4. I am the Chief Scientific Officer of Vivalis, and have held this position since the year 2003;
- 5. I am skilled in the art of developing cell lines for the production of biologicals, such as viral vectors, vaccines and recombinant proteins;
- 6. I have read and am familiar with the above-identified United States

 Patent Application, and I am submitting this Declaration in support of that application;
- 7. Chicken cell lines have been obtained by a process equivalent to the process described for the Duck 26 Ebx cell line in Example 2 of the present Declaration, and the process results in Chicken EBx cell lines having the same essential characteristics as those shown in the present Declaration with regard to the Duck 26 Ebx cell line;
 - 8. I have performed and/or supervised the experiments reported below: